

Council on Postsecondary Education  
Committee on Equal Opportunities  
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## Status: Statewide Diversity Planning and Support Programs

*The following information focuses on diversity activities and initiatives since the Committee on Equal Opportunities met June 20, 2013.*

**Diversity Planning:** The Committee on Equal Opportunities met at a retreat, August 22, 2013, and discussed diversity planning for the 2013-14 academic year: the Supreme Court Ruling and its impact on Kentucky, potential performance funding, closing the achievement gap for diverse, low-income, and underprepared students, and future campus visits.

**Governor's Minority Student College Preparation Program:** The 12<sup>TH</sup> Annual GMSCPP Statewide Conference was hosted by Morehead State University, June 11-12, 2013. More than 200 students from across the Commonwealth participated in STEM-H activities and experiments.

Eastern Kentucky University hosted the 26<sup>TH</sup> Annual Academically Proficient High School Junior and Senior Diversity Conference, June 17-18, 2013. Approximately 250 students, parents, and college fair representatives participated.

**SREB Doctoral Scholars Program:** The Council on Postsecondary Education, the University of Kentucky, and the University of Louisville reviewed applications for the SREB Doctoral Scholars Fellowship for fall 2013. In 2013-14, a total of 12 students applied (five from the UK and seven from the UofL). As a result of state agency budget cuts, the Commonwealth will support two of the 12 applicants, compared to five in previous years.

As of August 2013, 28 students are currently matriculating at Kentucky institutions, 32 percent of these students are in the STEM-H areas, and there are 71 graduates. Eight of the graduates have earned tenure.

The 2013 SREB Doctoral Scholars Program Institute on Teaching and Mentoring will take place October 31-November 3, 2013, in Arlington, Virginia. All scholars are expected to participate. Kentucky's public institutions have also been invited to participate in the recruitment fair to assist them with increasing the number of minority faculty at their respective institutions.

**Lumina Latino Student Success Annual Meeting:** The Kentucky Latino Education Alliance (K'LEA) Core Team members attended the Lumina Latino Student Success Annual Meeting, August 5-7, 2013, in Washington, D.C. The 2013 annual meeting enabled teams from all 13 sites time to work together, network with fellow sites and national partners, and meet leaders from national organizations.

The Latino Leadership and College Experience Camp was recognized as an example of Excelencia in Education, in Washington, DC, October 1, 2013. Mrs. Erin Howard, Director of Latino Outreach and Student Services at Bluegrass Community and Technical College, oversees the program.

The final K'LEA meeting will be held December 13, 2013, in Midway, Kentucky.

**Next CEO Meeting Date:** The final CEO meeting date for 2013 is Monday, October 21, 2013, in Frankfort, Kentucky.

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